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Have you planted any trees yet? The season for planting is fast passing.

Congressman Macon of Arkansas says Peary is a fakir, near hero, fur trader, unfaithful servant, idle loafer, in T. R.'s class.

We are in receipt of the Daily Reporter of Sweetwater. Sweetwater is a hustling good city and the Reporter is doing its share towards building it to greater proportions.

The papers all over Texas are full of good news. The drouth has been effectually broken and now with some sane legislating at Austin Texas should forge to the front again.

Birmingham, Ala., gained 250 per cent according to the recent census. Los Angeles 200 per cent, Seattle and Spokane, Wash., each 150 per cent and Oakland and Portland each more than 100 per cent. The greatest gains in the South and West.

Senator Aldrich who has always been a staunch protectionist has announced himself in favor of Canada reciprocity in accordance with President Taft's agreement, thus shattering another of the old tenets of the republican party.

shovel in digging trenches, felling trees and blasting out stumps. It is claimed that a good way to plant trees is to blast out the hole with dynamite, thereby loosening up the surrounding earth.

Dynamite is being used as a substitute for the plow and ax and The University and A. & M. College Tax bill was passed to engrossment by the house. The bill levies a tax of 4c on the \$100 valuation of all taxable property in the State and provides that of this amount 2.55c shall go to the University and 1.45c to the A. & M. College.

Col. Ball, chairman of the state-wide prohibition organization, says the campaign for the constitutional amendment will begin about May 1st. Col. Wolters, chairman of the anti organization, has selected Dallas as headquarters. It is said the battle ground will be in North and Central Texas.

Cases are tried in the courts of distant towns by Snyder lawyers and Snyder preachers fill the pulpits of other churches these days. Also her doctors are sought for in consultation, while her business men furnish the grey matter to keep the whole machinery of the town's life in operation, all of which is significant of Snyder's progress.

The ladies of the Altruman Club are arranging a flower show to be given during the coming summer, and propose to raise the flowers in Snyder. In this work they are doing much for the town. They will be more beautiful yards in Snyder than heretofore and beautiful homes and surroundings gives contentment to the boys and girls and have a refining and ennobling influence.

We recently heard one of the county's progressive farmers remark that farmers should not complain at the high price of meat any of the products of the farm, which struck us as being about correct. The farmer is the originator and producer of everything that sustains life, the backbone and sinew of the whole commerce world, and should be the most independent being on earth.

We will have a limited amount to place on approved farm and ranch securities during the next sixty days.

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TWO GOLDEN DAYS

There are two days in the week upon which and about which I never worry. Two care-free days, kept sacredly and free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday. Yesterday with all its cares and frets, with all its pains and aches, all its faults, its mistakes and blunders, has passed forever beyond the reach of my recall. I cannot undo an act I wrought. I cannot unsay a word I said on yesterday. All that it holds of my life, of wrong, regret and sorrow is in the hands of the mighty love that can bring honey out of the rock, and sweet waters out of the bitterest desert—the love that can make the wrong things right, that can turn weeping into laughter, that can give heaviness, joy of the morning for the woe of the night.

Save for the beautiful memories, sweet and tender, which linger like the perfume of the roses in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with yesterday. It was mine; it is God's.

And the other day I do not worry about is Tomorrow. Tomorrow with all of its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promise and poor performance, its failures and mistakes, is as far beyond the reach of my mastery as its dead sister, Yesterday. It is a day of God's. Its sun will rise in rosetate splendor, or behind a mask of weeping clouds—but it will rise. Until then, the same love and patience that hold yesterday hold tomorrow. Save for the star of hope which gleams forever on the brow of tomorrow, shining with tender promise into the heart of today, I have no possession in that unborn day of grace. All else is in the safe keeping of the infinite love that holds for me the treasures of yesterday—the love that is higher than the stars, wider than the skies, deeper than the seas. Tomorrow—it is God's day; it will be mine.

There is left for myself, then, but one day of the week—today. Any man can fight the battles of today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day. Any man can resist the temptations of today. O friends, it is only when, to the burdens and cares of today, carefully measured out to us by the infinite wisdom and might which gives with them the promise, "As thy day, so shall thy strength be," we willfully add the burdens of those two awful eternities—yesterday and tomorrow—such burdens as only the mighty God can sustain—that we break down. It isn't the experiences of today that drive men mad. It is the remorse for something that happened yesterday, the dread of what tomorrow may disclose.

These are God's days. Leave them with him. Therefore, I think, and I do, and I journey but one day at a time. That is the easy day. That is man's day. Nay, rather that is our day—God's and mine. And while faithfully and dutifully I run my course, and work my appointed task on that day of ours, God the almighty and the all-loving takes care of yesterday and tomorrow.—Robert J. Burdette.

KATY-CENTRAL CONSOLIDATION

The San Antonio Express sums up the law and evidence in the Katy-Texas Central Consolidation measure in the following succinct manner:

The House Committee on Common Carriers has reported favorably the measure providing for the consolidation of the East Texas & Stephenville North & South Railroad with the Cotton Belt. The Katy-Texas Central consolidation measure will probably come up Tuesday.

The Governor and the Railroad Commissioners are opposed to these consolidation measures, but the people of the country traversed by the railroads seeking consolidation are urgently in favor of them, and are insistent that they be pushed to enactment.

Letters and petitions in considerable number from Southwest Texas and from Northwest Texas have been resorted to to persuade the Legislature to pass the Katy consolidation bill and they indicate that they have assurance that in the event the consolidation is permitted the Texas Central will be extended in both a southerly and northwesterly direction. Extended thus in both directions the Dallas News voices the general sentiment that not only would the importance of the line be doubled or trebled, but its power of public service would be increased even more. Two sections of the state that are now almost strangers to each other for the lack of direct communication would be brought into commercial intimacy, and it adds: "It is going to be hard to find pretexts in sufficient number to combat the commercial and industrial reasons which command the passage of this consolidation bill." The St. Louis Herald has its representative at Austin: "Ninety-nine per cent of the citizens of this road desire the Katy to operate. It means railroad extension and more people want you there as our representative."

The Governor is not moved by such arguments, and is resolved to veto any consolidation, regardless of the plain people or what the Governor has fortified himself against the proposed consolidation, that the lines involved are not competition would be so much lessened only might the people be benefitted possibly by lowered freight rates. It is reasonable prejudice or hostility to railroads may be opposition to consolidation. For example, the Dallas News says: "The Kansas Katy was in the habit of charging, a few weeks ago through the Texas Katy at exorbitant prices, the purpose being to divert earnings of the Texas Katy to the Kansas Katy. That, if true, would call for some very vigorous action on the part of the State. But, in view of what President Allen had to say the other day, one has reason to believe that Mr. Williams was suffering the effects of a lot of misinformation when he made that charge. It appears from Mr. Allen's statement that the Kansas Katy hasn't been selling any rolling stock to the Texas Katy, dilapidated or otherwise; but, on the contrary, it has been lending a good deal of rolling stock to the Texas Katy without any compensation whatever.

The railroads ought to be treated fairly and the people ought to be treated fairly, and no one in the position of Governor or Railroad Commissioner should be willing to oppose a measure for the public good upon any baseless charges or misrepresentation. If there are good and sufficient reasons why the consolidation bills should not be enacted, let them be made known, but let the matter be considered on its merits purely and without prejudice or stubbornness.

WASHINGTON AND LEE

This is February 22, a very important day on our calendar. Great battles have been fought on this day, fruit crops have been seriously menaced and murders have been committed. Chiefest of all, the first general of the Revolution and first President of the United States came into life on the twenty second day of February. General George Washington combined three attributes few of his countrymen-descendants have risen to claim. He was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen. There's never been anything like it since.

The nearest approach to perfection, we think, since the time of our first president may be found in the person of General Robert E. Lee. Surely, in the groping days of the Civil War when the ties of brotherly love were drowned in a deluge of blood and lust of human life, Lee shone forth as the greatest military commander of the age. After the war, when he took his place as a citizen of this reunited nation, he was nobly great. Washington and Lee—two great men, of strong sinew and courageous hearts! Let us remember them this day and place neither above the other.—Abilene Reporter.

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